

Dear Parents and Carers

2023

Happy New Year!

My New Year's resolution is to remember to write '2023' instead of '2022', as well as giving up snacking on too many mince pies.

It is very lovely to see the children back in school again and some of them seem to have grown taller over the Christmas break :).

The last week of term passed by in a flurry of Christmas activity; please enjoy looking at some of the highlights below.



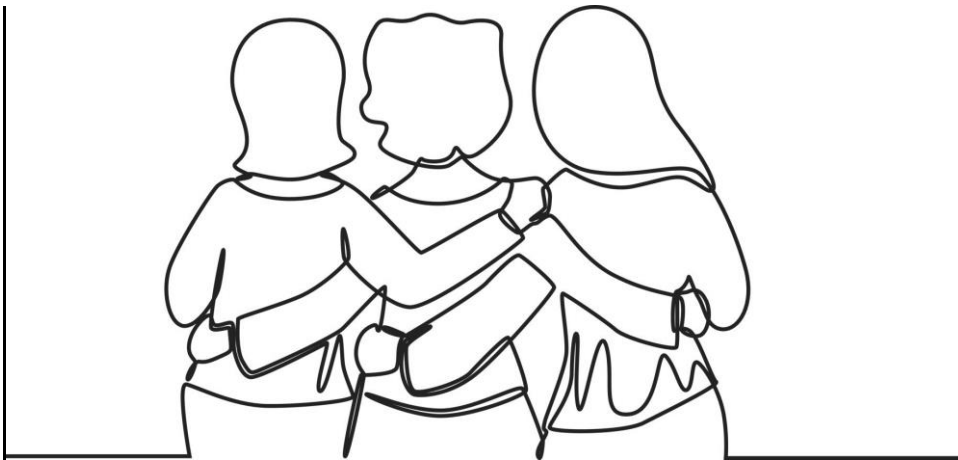
Best wishes

Mrs Rebecca Harris Headteacher and Miss Taryn Jackson, Deputy Headteacher

Christmas time at St George the Martyr

To end a brilliant Autumn term, we have wrapped up some of the highlights from the Christmas celebrations!





This Half term our Christian Value is

Friendship

Friendship is an undisputed value in our school and a key concept in the Christian framework. True friendship enables each person to grow and ensures that the unique individuality of each person is recognised.



Collective Worship

This week in Collective Worship, we learnt about the parable of how Jesus healed the paralysed man.

We discussed how his friends were determined to help the man and persevered with lowering him down to see Jesus through a hole in the ceiling.

Good friends do things for others and don't just talk about being a good friend.



Friendship

“Dear children, let us now love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.”

(1 John 3:18)

Families For Life - Parents

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Virtual Sessions

Sessions cover topics such as energy efficient meals, food exploration, lots of Q&A time, plus the following:

Week 1: Eating Well at Home

Week 2: Fussy eaters and hidden sugars

Week 3: Understanding labels and portion sizes

Week 4: Keeping Active and Screen time

Start date:
12th January
10.00
-11:00am

Fussy Eating
strategies are
discussed in
each session

These sessions are taking place virtually through Microsoft Teams. Teams is free to download on a computer, phone or tablet.

Either visit your app store or go to:
<https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/download-app>



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Information for Parents

Do you have any questions about school life?

We are of course, really happy to answer any questions about school, no matter how small. Do phone the school office to ask questions or ask to arrange an appointment to speak to the class teacher. You can also speak to myself or Miss Jackson (Deputy Headteacher).

A member of the office staff will also be available in the playground in the morning. If you are worried about something, see us straight away. Don't let a little worry turn in to a big one. We also like to hear your good news. It helps to keep us going with a smile.



**Mrs Rebecca
Harris**
Headteacher

Prayer

Dear God,
We thank you for our
friends and for the happy
times that we share with
them.

Help us to be a good
friend to them.

Teach us how to play
fairly and to share.

Help us to recognize
loneliness in others and
show friendliness towards
them.

Thank you that you are
our friend and will be with
us always.
Amen.



Every student. Every day.

Please remember the importance of your child being at school on time and being in school every day.

Holidays during school term time will not be authorized.

Information for Parents

Phonics Workshop for Reception Parents

Dear Reception parent/carer, we are holding an early reading and phonics workshop at 9.00 - 9.30am.

This is a repeat of the Reception/Year 1 workshop that some parents were unable to attend in November, but specifically for Reception parents to help you to support your child's learning at home.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Miss Jackson and Mrs Ross.

This week in **Destination Reader** lessons KS2 children have been **Asking Questions**



Asking questions is seeking information.

We ask questions when reading for two main reasons:

- So we think more deeply about the whole text.
- So we check our understanding as we read.

Half-price music lessons for Free School Meals Children

Don't you wish you played a musical instrument? Give your child the gift of music.



Families which qualify for Free School Meals, Housing Benefit or Council Tax Support can have half-price music lessons for their children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 here in school. Prices start from £58.20 for ten lessons. (Subsidies funded by Camden Council and Universal Music Group). Full price lessons start from £116.40 for ten lessons.



Please see below key dates for your diaries this term:

January

- Wednesday 11th January at 9.00am: Early reading and phonics workshop for Reception parents.
- Thursday 12th January at 10.00-11.00am: Families for life parent session online.
- **Sunday 15th January: Deadline for Reception admissions.**
- Tuesday 17th January at 9.00am: Naila Hirani well-being parent workshop in school.
- Tuesday 17th January at 9.00-3.30pm Reception parent and carer catch up meetings with the teacher.
- Thursday 19th January at 10.00-11.00am: Families for life parent session online.
- Wednesday 25th January at 2.45pm: SATs meeting for Year 6 parents.

February

- Wednesday 1st February at 2.45pm: Early number EYFS mathematics parent and carer workshop.
- Thursday 2nd February at 10.00-11.00am: Families for life parent session online.
- Tuesday 7th February at 9.00am: Naila Hirani well-being parent workshop in school.
- Monday 20th February at 2.45pm: On-line safety parent workshop, led by Mary Rebelo CEOP adviser.
- Wednesday 22nd February at 9.30am: Year 3 parents - Ash Wednesday and Lent collective worship at Church.

March

- Thursday 2nd March: World Book Day - children to dress as a book character.
- Friday 3rd March: Academic Review Day for parents (crèche available)
- Wednesday 22nd March at 9.30am: Year 4 parents - Stations of the Cross and Easter collective worship at the Church
- Friday 31st March: School breaks up for Easter at 2.00pm